

Capsule Summary

SM-836

Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road

Avenue

Private

circa 1920-1950

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-836

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road

2. Location

street and number W side of Montfort Road approx. ¼ mile S of its int. w/Oscar Hayden Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Bushwood

x vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James B. Montfort

street and number 1294 NW 5th Street

telephone N/a

city, town Boca Raton

state FL

zip code 22486

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel TM-38, P-40

city, town Leonardtown

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EWA 608

folio 372

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>3</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>3</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u> </u>
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road are situated on the west side of the roadway near the rural community of Bushwood, Maryland. The two buildings, as well as a contributing shed roof equipment shed and stripping shed are oriented on a north/south axis. The surrounding farm, although subdivided, is still cultivated with soybean and grain, as well as occasionally tobacco. The actual lot the barns are located on consists of 20 acres. The slightly rolling property is bounded to the north, south, and west by farmland and to the east by Montfort Road.

Constructed circa 1920-1950, the Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road are rectangular, double-aisle plan buildings with gambrel roofs. Both barns feature exterior walls that are sheathed with vertical, circular-sawn boards. Their gambrel roofs are sheathed with raised-seam metal. Both buildings feature hinged boards that are extended away from the walls to aid in the drying of tobacco.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 20 acres
Acreage of historical setting 20 acres
Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The slightly rolling property is bounded to the north, south, and west by farmland and to the east by Montfort Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 608, Folio 372.

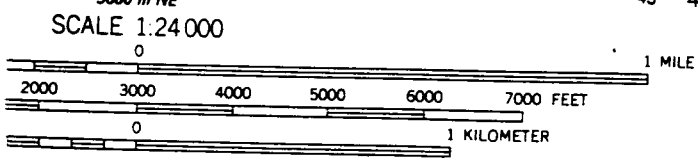
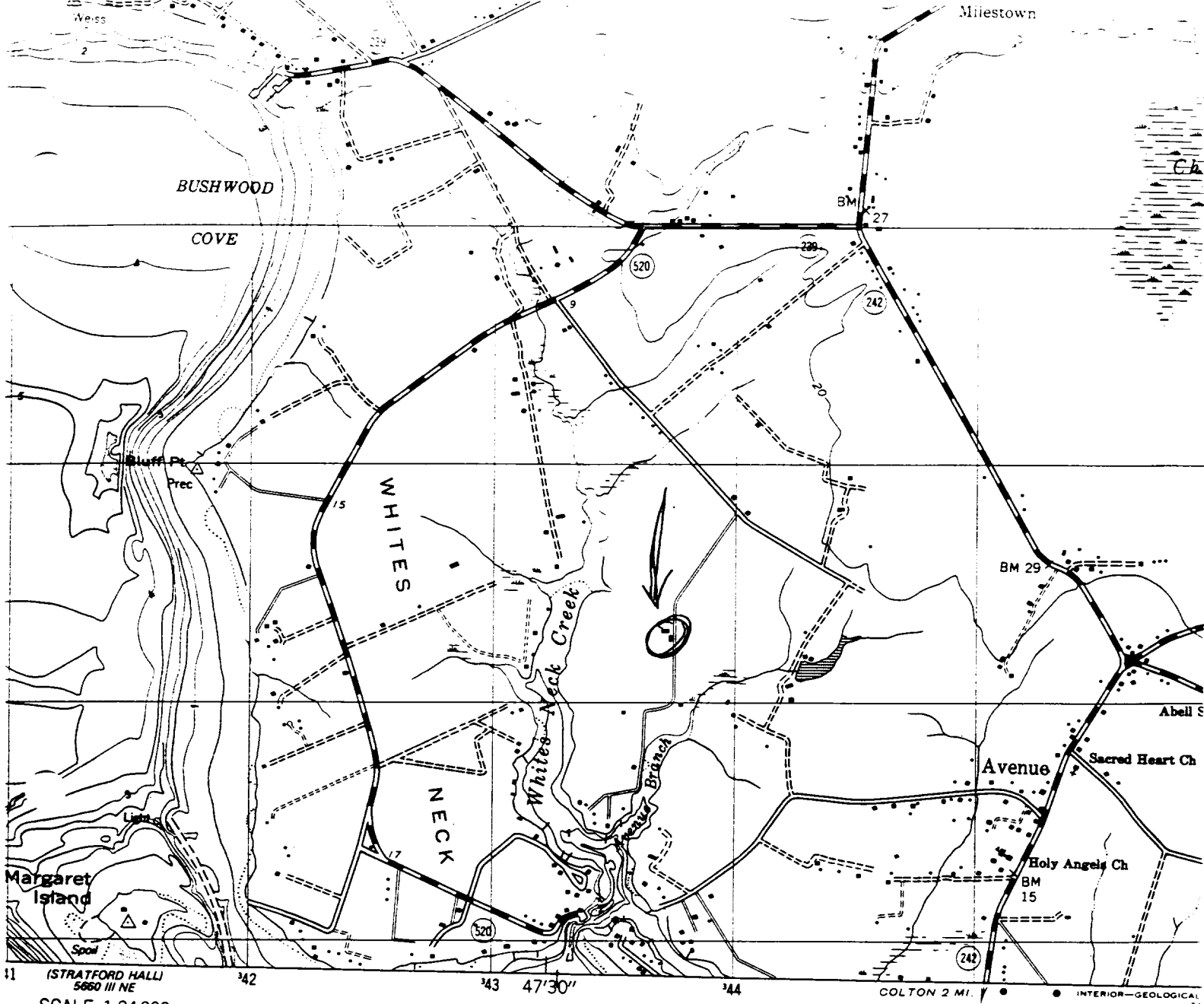
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

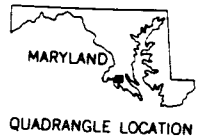
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

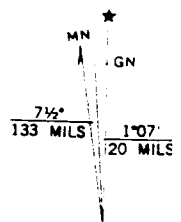
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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